

Appln. No. 10/042,241

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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants : Pascal THOMAS et al. )

) Group Art Unit 3618

Appln. No. : 10/042,241 )

) Examiner J. Allen Shriver

Docket No. : P21836 )

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Title : FRONT RETAINING ELEMENT  
FOR AN ALPINE SKI BOOT )

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**  
**TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 24, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the first Office action, dated July 24, 2003, for which Applicants request an extension of time for one month, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), from October 24, 2003 to November 24, 2003, please enter the following amendment.

This reply follows an interview with the Examiner on November 21, 2003 attended by Applicants' undersigned representative.

Upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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Transmitted herewith is a Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 to the Office Action of July 24, 2003 in the above-captioned application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ A Request for Extension of Time.
- ☒ A copy of Annual Book of ASTM Standards 2002, Vol. 15, pp. 234-243 (Designation F 944-97, "Standard Specification for Properties of Adult Alpine Ski Boots").
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449, and references cited.
- ☐ No Additional Fee.

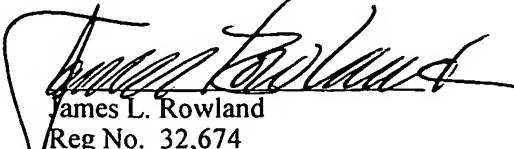
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Indep. Claims: 4	**3	1	x 43=	\$	x 86=	\$ 86.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			145=	\$	+290=	\$ 0.00
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- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 CFR 1.136)(a)(3).

  
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